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SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. But if I do get that done, . . .

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. The issue before the body is the Smith amendment, AM2006, to the Bromm amendment, AM2005, to LB 608. Further discussion. Senator Hartnett, followed by Senators Janssen, Stuhr, Landis, and Raikes. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Smith, . . . yes. Could I ask you a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, would you respond?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: As I understand it, in Senator Bromm's amendment, or this amendment, AM2005, there are 82 counties would qualify for this. And in your amendment, how many counties would qualify, of the 93?

SENATOR SMITH: Of the 93, 90.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Ninety. That leaves three counties. (Laugh) I reside in one, Sarpy. Correct? Lancaster, and . . . Douglas. Got it. The small neighbor to my north I have to thank. (Laugh) At first I . . . and this would exclude the Grand Islands, and the North Plattes of the world. I guess, thinking about it with . . . kind of as I listened to Senator Bromm talk, that, you know, with a small amount of money, I would see the counties getting that money would not be McPherson . . . I'm trying to think of some small counties. (Laugh) Or . . . that would get it. It would be the counties like Lincoln County, . . . I'm trying to think of what Grand Island and . . . Adams County, and so forth. And maybe that's not the purpose of this amendment as it was first proposed. And so I guess, you know, the more I think about it and so forth, I probably will not be supporting this amendment.